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Subject: Petition for Stay Pending Judicial Review [prompt response requested]
Attachments: Waterkeeper et al Rule 18 Letter 103018.pdf

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

The attached is a petition to stay, pending judicial review, the effectiveness of the final action taken by EPA at 83 Fed. Reg. 36,435 (July 30, 2018) and entitled "Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals From Electric Utilities; Amendments to the National Minimum Criteria (Phase One, Part One)" ("Phase I Rule").

The parties submitting this petition are Clean Water Action, 1444 I Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005; HEAL Utah, 824 S 400 W, Suite B111, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; Hoosier Environmental Council, 3951 N. Meridian, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46208; Prairie Rivers Network, 1605 South State Street, Suite 1, Champaign, IL 61820; Sierra Club, 2101 Webster St, Suite 1300, Oakland, CA 94612; and Waterkeeper Alliance, 180 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, NY 10038 (collectively, "Petitioners").

On October 22, 2018, Petitioners filed a petition for review of the Phase I Rule in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, docketed as Case No. 18-1289. For the reasons set forth in the attached letter, Petitioners specifically request that you stay the effectiveness of the Phase I Rule with respect to the provisions that extend closure deadlines for unlined impoundments that cause contamination exceeding a groundwater protection standard, 40 C.F.R. § 257.101(a)(1), and for impoundments that violate the location restriction concerning placement of coal ash above the uppermost aquifer, *id.* § 257.101(b)(1).

To the extent EPA is willing and able to consider such a request, and to the extent it may be deemed necessary for any reason for Petitioners to submit such a request to EPA before seeking a stay pending judicial review from the D.C. Circuit, we request that the agency act immediately on this request. Please inform the undersigned counsel by 5:00 p.m., on Friday, November 16, 2018, whether the agency will grant our request for a stay.

Sincerely,

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